



COMMUNITY NEWS

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^s PERSONAL SAFETY

Don't Become A Victim!

Many people cite crime and fear of crime as a determining factor in how they feel about their neighborhood, but in fact criminal victimization in 2004 was at it lowest since 1973.

Figures for murder, sexual assaults, robbery and assaults were highest in the early 1980's, peaking in 1982 at 52.3 victimizations per 1,000 people ages 12 and over. In 2004 this figure dropped to 21.1 per 1,000. Individuals 12 to 24 years of age were still the victims of the most violent crimes (an average of 83.7 per 1,000 people), while those 65 or older were victimized at a much lower rate (9.1 per 1,000 persons). While violent crime was down crimes that use modern technology were up such as: identity theft, which cost consumers more than \$5 billion in 2004.

Preventing crime is everyone's business – young children, teens adults, and seniors must all work together to protect themselves, their families, and their neighborhoods.



From The Desk Of Commander Burl Haenel

Congratulations to the many law enforcement officers and their agencies that participated in the recent apprehension of the serial killers. This is a shining example of collaboration between the Valley's law enforcement agencies, federal, state, and local to bring a successful conclusion to this extremely difficult investigation. Detectives and others put in many long hours and I want to personally thank them for their tireless dedication and efforts.

Even though we have removed the above-mentioned threat from our streets, we must continue to be vigilant when our personal safety may be at stake. Officer Mark Ruffennach and members of the Citizens and Neighborhood Resources Department, Bruce Wall and Carrie Abts continue to present valuable information to community groups on how to enhance one's personal safety. I encourage you to phone them, so they may educate you and your organization on how to be safer community members.

Just a reminder that school will be starting up in just a few weeks. Kids will seem to be everywhere as they walk to their bus stops and make their way to their schools. Please pay close attention when driving and watch out for our young people as they travel. Remember to pay particular attention when entering the area of a school zone.

Sincerely,

Commander Burl Haenel

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Personal Safety (continued)

- ❑ Call your local law enforcement for a **FREE** home or business security survey.
- ❑ Make sure you have sturdy metal or solid wood doors at all entrances of your home.
- ❑ Trim the vegetation around your property well enough to allow for the “natural surveillance” to occur.
- ❑ Do not give out personal information over the phone, through the mail or over the Internet, unless you have initiated the contact or know with whom you are dealing. Even then be careful!
- ❑ If you notice someone following you when driving head for the nearest busy, brightly lighted area. Write down the license plate number along with the make, model and color of the vehicle. Call 9-1-1 and report the incident ASAP.
- ❑ Always lock your car doors and take your keys when you leave your car, even if you’ll be gone for a minute.
- ❑ As you walk down a street or through a parking lot, walk alertly with a purpose and assertively
- ❑ If you carry a purse, hold it close to your body. If you have a wallet, put it in your front pocket.
- ❑ Don’t display your cash or other inviting targets such as cell phones, electronic games or expensive jewelry or clothing.

It is important to understand that when confronted in a potentially deadly situation, you give up your belongings as they can be replaced. In addition, never go with the attacker to a new destination. Statistics indicate that as time and distance increase, the chances of survival decrease significantly.

PERSONAL AWARENESS CLASS

Sign Up Now!

On Thursday August 10 from 6pm to 9pm the Scottsdale Police Department will be hosting its “highly interactive awareness class.” This class requires students to participate in a series of scenarios where they may only have a few seconds to react to a potentially harmful situation. At the completion of the scenarios, evaluators give proper information on how the scenario should be handled. There are witness forms and photo line-ups to be completed.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Officer Mark Ruffennach at 480-312-5696 ASAP, as seating is limited.

Scottsdale Police Department’s Citizens Police Academy

The Scottsdale Police Department is accepting applications for its 31st Citizens Police Academy, set to begin Aug. 31. The academy runs 12 consecutive Thursdays through Nov. 16. Applications and more information are available from Citizen Liaison Officer Chris Vassall at (480) 312-1922.

This is a fantastic opportunity for members of the Scottsdale Community to learn more about what the Scottsdale Police Department is all about. Chris Vassall, a 24-year veteran of the Scottsdale Police Department has a series of instructors set up each week for you to better understand the dynamics of the Scottsdale Police Department. The program is **FREE!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MIGHTY MUD MANIA

Friday, August 4th from 8:30am – 2pm

Chaparral Park @ Hayden/Chaparral

Kids 1-17 years of age can participate

For information call: Terry Erickson @ (480) 312-2771

NO FEE! – (Nonperishable food items are welcome)

Parental Permission Slips Are Required!

Awareness Class

Thursday, August 10th 6pm to 9pm

Scottsdale Police Department @ 9065 E. Via Linda

Contact Officer Mark Ruffennach at 480-312-5696

The Scottsdale Police Department



Wants You!

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.